



Specialist Medical Review Council

Declaration

*Section 196W
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

**Re: Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004
In Respect of Neoplasm of the Pituitary Gland**

Matter Nos. 2007/1
Requests for Review Declaration No. 13

In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004 in respect of neoplasm of the pituitary gland and death from neoplasm of the pituitary gland, made under subsection 196B (2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) under subsection 196W of the VEA:

DECLARES that it is of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence on which the RMA could have relied to amend the Statement of Principles to include the factors set out below;

DIRECTS the RMA to amend Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004 by excising the factor (at 5. (a)):

'for ACTH secreting pituitary adenomas only, undergoing Bilateral Adrenalectomy within the ten years before the clinical onset of neoplasm of the pituitary gland; or'

FURTHER DIRECTS the RMA to amend Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004 by excising the factor (at 5. (b)):

'for ACTH secreting pituitary adenomas only, undergoing Bilateral Adrenalectomy within the ten years before the clinical worsening of neoplasm of the pituitary gland; or'

and replace it by inserting:

'for ACTH secreting pituitary adenomas only, undergoing Bilateral

Adrenalectomy before the clinical worsening of neoplasm of the pituitary gland; or'

FURTHER DIRECTS the RMA to amend Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004 by making any consequential amendments to paragraph 6 to identify the 'Factors that apply only to material contribution or aggravation'.

DECLARES that it is of the view that the sound medical-scientific evidence is insufficient to justify any amendment of the Statement of Principles to include as a factor exposure to:

'Biological and Chemical Warfare' and 'Nerve Agents'

or any other factor.



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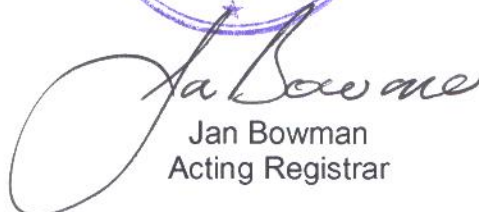
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Jan Bowman
Acting Registrar

Dated this 25th day of February 2010

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